CEREALS AND CEREAL PRODUCTS

CORNMEAL

19851. Adulteration and misbranding of cornmeal. U.S. v. Humphreys Mills Co. Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$500. (F. D. C. No. 33720. Sample Nos. 32422-L to 32424-L, incl., 34237-L.)

INFORMATION FILED: October 24, 1952, Western District of Tennessee, against the Humphreys Mills Co., a corporation, Memphis, Tenn.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: Between the approximate dates of January 7 and 21, 1952, from the State of Tennessee into the States of Arkansas and Mississippi.

LABEL, IN PART: (Bags) "Honey Suckle Enriched Bolted White Corn Meal."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (1), valuable constituents, vitamin B₁, riboflavin, and niacin, had been omitted in part from the article in all of the shipments, and, in addition, iron had been omitted in part from the article in two of the shipments.

Misbranding, Section 403 (g) (1), the article failed to conform to the definition and standard of identity for cornmeal since the regulations prescribing a definition and standard of identity for cornmeal provide that the product shall contain in each pound, among other nutritional substances, not less than 2 milligrams of thiamine (vitamin B1), not less than 1.2 milligrams of riboflavin, not less than 16 milligrams of niacin, and not less than 13 milligrams of iron, whereas the article contained in each pound less thiamine (vitamin B1), less riboflavin, and less niacin, and, in two of the shipments, less iron than required by the regulations. Further misbranding, Section 403 (a), the statements "Eight ounces of this product contain the following proportions of the adult minimum daily requirements of Vitamin B, 100%, Riboflavin 30%, Iron 65% and 8 Mg. of Niacin," borne on the labels, were false and misleading since 8 ounces of the article contained less than the declared proportions of the adult minimum daily requirements for vitamin B, and riboflavin, less than the declared amount of niacin, and, in two of the shipments, less than the declared proportion of the adult minimum daily requirement for iron.

DISPOSITION: November 7, 1952. A plea of nolo contendere having been entered, the court imposed a fine of \$500 against the defendant.

19852. Adulteration of cornmeal. U. S. v. 19 Bales, etc. (and 2 other seizure actions). (F. D. C. Nos. 33918 to 33920, incl. Sample Nos. 62123-L to 62126-L, incl., 62128-L to 62133-L, incl.)

LIBELS FILED: October 9, 1952, Western District of Arkansas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 2, 5, and 16, 1952, by D. L. Morris Milling Co., Inc., from Ritchey, Mo.

PRODUCT: 66 bales, each containing 10 5-pound sacks, 194 bales, each containing 5 10-pound sacks, and 226 sacks, each containing 25 pounds, of cornmeal at Springdale, Ark.

LABEL, IN PART: "The Honey Creek Mill White Corn Meal" and "The Shoal Creek Mills * * * Waterground Fresh White Corn Meal."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent excreta.